

## U. S. DEMANDS DEFINITE ACTION FROM OBREGON TODAY

## Storm Wracked Pacific Steamer Breaks in Two, 50 Drown

THREE SAVED  
IN OPEN BOAT  
DRIFT ASHORE

Lone Survivors Battle Waves  
36 Hours Until Frail Craft  
is Washed Aground Bring-  
ing News of Tragedy.

SHIFTING WEIGHT OF  
CARGO BREAKS VESSEL

Tons of Wheat and Dynamite  
Carried by Roanoke is  
Cause of Disaster in  
45-Mile Gale.

International News Service.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 11.—A little open boat, storm-battered and almost sinking, washed ashore on the rocky coast near Port San Luis early today and brought to the world the news of the Pacific's latest tragedy. In the boat were the only three survivors, it is believed, of the steamer Roanoke, which broke in two last Monday night and sunk within a few minutes, taking to the bottom with her from 45 to 50 persons, including Capt. Richard Dixon and his wife.

The survivors, all seamen, were half dead from exposure and exhaustion when they were dragged from the boat. They had been in the boat for 36 hours, battling almost constantly to keep their tiny craft from following the Roanoke.

The Roanoke, an old San Francisco passenger boat, sailed from here last Monday night for South American ports. She was heavily laden with 13,000 cases of dynamite, 650 tons of powder, 300 tons of wheat, and a general cargo.

The vessel ran into a 45-mile gale soon after leaving San Francisco. Big waves climbed over her and a cross sea battered her fearfully.

Ship Breaks in Two.  
The strain on the cargo was terrific. The wheat began rolling in her hold and the tremendous waves thrown up by the northwest gale did the rest. The vessel soon broke in two from the shifting weight. She sank like a rock.

The Roanoke carried a crew of 47 men, including the captain, Richard Dixon, and his wife. In addition there were several Mexicans who were being deported.

The four life boats of the old vessel were hastily lowered, but it is feared that the only one saved is the one washed ashore near Port San Luis.

Launches today are combing the sea for miles out searching for possible survivors, but according to the three men saved, it will likely be a fruitless search.

Capt. Dixon, according to one of the survivors, gave his life in a futile effort to save Mrs. Dixon. She fell overboard as the vessel lurched under the impact of a heavy wave and the captain dived after her. Neither was seen again.

Wireless calls have been sent out from here to all vessels along the coast, notifying them of the accident and asking them to look out for additional survivors.

Mexican Only Passengers.  
The Roanoke carried no passengers with the exception of the Mexicans who had been brought here on the Roanoke's last trip north.

The spot where the vessel went down, it was said by the survivors, is about 100 miles south of San Francisco.

The three survivors are a waiter, an older and a quartermaster. There was no time, one of them said, to get food or water aboard the life boats. In view of this, it is thought that even should the other boats have succeeded in getting away from the sinking ship, their occupants must have perished by this time as a result of exposure and hardship.

The three survivors had nothing to eat on their perilous trip but a few pieces of briny hard tack.

DEMAND FINANCIAL AID  
FOR DIXIE HIGHWAY

International News Service.  
CONROSVILLE, Ind., May 11.—Two hundred good roads men, attending a Hoosier-Dixie highway meeting united in a demand for financial aid in building the road. Automobile delegations from Cincinnati and Louisville and several railroad officials swelled the crowd.

## Machine Gun Maneuvers of Border Guard



MACHINE GUN DETACHMENTS IN MANOEUVRES ON BORDER.

CINTEL FILM SERVICE.

Pres't Wilson has ordered the national guards of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to mobilize for border duty, and practically all of the regular infantry has been called to the border for service in the Mexican campaign, as a result of developments in the Mexican situation during the past few days. Consular agents in Mexico have been ordered to send all American citizens out of the country and it is said that steps have been taken by the de facto government to prevent the entrance of more American troops into Mexico.

This picture shows machine gun detachments of the border guard at maneuvers.

AGED FIRE-BUG  
TAKEN TO PRISON

Denies Firing Barns of Neighbors He Hated—Convicted on Bloodhound Evidence.

News-Times Special Service.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 11.—I. L. Coan, sr., convicted at Mt. Vernon, Ind., of arson, and sentenced to a term of from two to 21 years at the Indiana state prison, was brought to Indianapolis yesterday by the sheriff of Posey county and taken from here to Michigan City. The story of Coan's attempts to burn the houses and other properties of his neighbors and the story of his capture and conviction is one of the most remarkable that has come out of the office of William E. Longley, state fire marshal. Coan is about 60 years old. He lived outside of Mt. Vernon. Some time ago the man gave his son, I. L. Coan, Jr., a piece of property and his son took up his residence therein, with a family of four children. The son became friendly with some of the neighbors, whom the father disliked extremely. This made the father angry and he finally ordered his son to move out of the property.

Refused to Go.  
The boy had obtained a deed to the property and refused to go. Shortly thereafter, according to Garrett Fox, investigator for the state fire marshal, Coan, sr., sent his wife to Corydon to remain there with her sister for a time.

One night some barns of one of the neighbors of Coan were discovered on fire. The barns were a long distance from Coan's home. Between the home and the barns were other residences of neighbors. The residence of the son was very close to that of the elder Coan.

That same night someone threw a gallon jug of gasoline into the open window of one of the neighbors' homes, between Coan's residence and the burning barns. A short time later

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ALL SUBSEA OFFICERS  
NOW HAVE NEW ORDERS

International News Service.  
BERLIN, May 11.—All German submarine commanders have received the latest orders transmitted by the admiralty at the direction of Emperor William. It was officially announced today. German officials are therefore confident that any further errors that might lead to complications between this country and the United States will be avoided.

Publication of the American note accepting the recent reply to the ultimatum from Pres't Wilson removed the last lingering feeling of tension here. The belief prevails in official circles that all danger of complications has been removed. This belief is reflected on the bourse where prices are higher than for several months. As compared with trading previously conditions may almost be said to be "booming."

Engineer Blamed  
For Fatal Wreck  
At Amherst, Ohio

International News Service.  
WASHINGTON, May 11.—Because he failed to heed signals set for him Engineer Herbert Hess is declared responsible for the fatal wreck on the New York Central line at Amherst, O., on March 29 in a report made public by the interstate commerce commission here today.

H. W. Belnap, chief of the division of safety of the interstate commerce commission, made the investigation. Hess was engineer of the second section of eastbound train No. 86, which crashed into the rear of the first section.

Twenty-seven were killed in the wreck and 47 injured. The commission cites a possible alternative cause of the accident—the possibility of abnormal conditions interfering with the operation of the signals. "The possibility that any such abnormal condition existed is exceedingly remote."

"The conclusion is therefore reached," the report continues, "that the engineer of train second No. 86 must have been mistaken regarding the signal indications displayed, due either to his failure to see the signals or to read the indications properly on account of the dense fog and the speed at which his train was running, and it is believed that this accident was caused by his failure to observe and obey the caution and stop signal indications displayed by signals 830.2 and 83.2."

GERMANS REPULSE  
TWO FRENCH ATTACKS

Capture 1,568 Prisoners in  
Fighting Around Hill  
No. 304.

International News Service.  
BERLIN, (via Sarville wireless.) May 11.—The German war office today announced the repulse of two French attacks made yesterday on the west bank of the Meuse, north-west of Verdun. The official statement also says that since May 4 the Germans have captured 1,568 prisoners in the fighting around Hill No. 304.

The text of the official war office statement follows:  
"West of the Meuse the French yesterday afternoon again attacked near Le Mort Homme and in the evening they also attacked south-east of Hill No. 304. Both attacks broke down under the fire of our machine guns and a curtain of fire from our artillery, the enemy suffering considerable losses."

"A Bavarian patrol in Cemard forest captured 54 French soldiers. The number of un wounded French prisoners taken since May 4, in the combats about Hill No. 304, has reached a total of 53 officers and 1,515 soldiers."

METHODISTS WILL  
NAME 8 BISHOPS

One New Member of Episcopacy to be Created For European Work.

International News Service.  
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 11.—Expected to report about May 15, the committee known as the Episcopal committee of the Methodist Episcopal convention will recommend, it is said, that eight new bishops be elected during the present deliberations. It is also said to be the plan that one of the new bishops will be created for European work. There are three vacancies, caused by death, which are to be filled and these vacancies will leave five additional bishops to be selected.

Although an active canvass on the part of a candidate for the bishopric is forbidden, friends of various prospective nominees are already at work in their interest and several names have been prominently mentioned. Influential delegates are of the opinion that the following seven well known ecclesiastics will receive sufficient votes to elect them to the highest post in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. C. B. Mitchell, Chicago; Dr. E. C. Locke, Los Angeles; Dr. Thomas Nicholson, North Dakota; Chancellor Franklin Hamilton, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Frank W. Luce, Cleveland; Dr. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, Pennsylvania; Dr. A. W. Leonard, Seattle.

The election of the bishops will be by ballot which will be conducted with the strictest secrecy and in the presence of none but the delegates to the convention. Previous instruction or agreement in favor of any candidate or candidates are forbidden. A vote of two-thirds of the delegates voting is required before a choice shall have been reached for such nominee.

Frequently many ballots are cast before all of the bishops nominated are elected. Past conventions have established the fact that weeks are sometimes consumed in the arrival at a full choice and a somewhat protracted election is looked for this year.

It is known that the Episcopal committee has decided upon the fact that either six or eight new bishops will be necessary.

GOES ON HIS 46TH ANNUAL FISHING BOUT.  
International News Service.  
ATLANTA, Ga., May 11.—Maj. J. L. McCollum, 74 years old, has gone to Chattanooga for his 46th annual fishing bout with John G. Rawlins, 75 years old. Maj. McCollum predicted victory for himself over his ancient rival, adding:

"The only way John can beat me is telling about the big ones that got away."

Wholesalers and  
Jobbers to Form  
An Organization

South Bend wholesalers and jobbers will form organizations similar to those that have been perfected by the manufacturers and retailers at a luncheon to be held at the Oliver hotel Friday noon. The purpose will be to extend the trade of the local wholesalers and to meet the competition of outside jobbers.

After the organization is put on a working basis, it is probable that a trade extension trip will be made by the members. Indianapolis wholesalers and jobbers will be in South Bend on May 23 while on a state-wide trip and the local men will make a similar visit to surrounding towns.

According to the Chamber of Commerce records, there are between 50 and 60 wholesalers in the city and it is expected that all of them will attend Friday noon's luncheon. Reservations are being made through the Chamber of Commerce.

## CHARGES DISMISSED

Deputy Pros. Schwartz dismissed the charges against E. H. Miller, alias Forgythe, in city court Thursday morning. Miller is being held at the county jail on the indictments charging larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses.

GERMAN-AMERICAN  
RELATIONS CLEARED

Obstacles to Friendly Terms  
Between Nations Are  
Now Removed.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Official acceptance by Germany of responsibility for torpedoing the channel liner Sussex coupled with unofficial advice that Germany accepted the terms of the latest American note on the general submarine issue have served to clear away the obstacles which threatened the good relations between the two countries. Germany's assumption of wrongdoing in the Sussex case is regarded as full and final so that the case will be closed when the amount of indemnity due injured Americans "has been determined. As to principles the two nations are in entire accord now that Germany admits that German torpedoes hit the Sussex in violation of assurances given the United States, expressed regret that the incident occurred and announces that the offending submarine commander already has been punished."

It is understood here that Berlin will not answer the latest note from Sec'y Lansing making plain that the United States accepts Germany's assurances of abandonment of the methods of submarine warfare, without a contingent understanding as to the manner in which this country shall deal with Great Britain.

ALL AMERICANS  
ARE WARNED TO  
"QUIT MEXICO"

Sec'y Lansing Indicates All  
Consuls Have Been Order-  
ed to Urge Withdraw-  
al of U. S. Citizens.

EXPECT NO PROTECTION  
IN CASE BREAK COMES

Arrangements Are Being  
Made to Call Whole Na-  
tional Guard if Emer-  
gency Necessitates.

International News Service.  
WASHINGTON, May 11.—Americans all throughout Mexico are being warned to leave that country at once. Sec'y of State Lansing today made it plain that the orders to American consuls to urge their countrymen to return immediately to the United States were not confined to any particular localities. He said that the orders were issued to consuls everywhere in Mexico.

Officials today for the most part maintained a silence on Mexican developments. It was stated that everything hinges on the result of the conference today at El Paso between Gen. Obregon and Scott.

Ambassador Scott Lansing.  
Eliseo Arredondo, ambassador designate of the de facto government, called on Sec'y Lansing today for a general discussion of the situation. He was with the secretary about 20 minutes.

Upon leaving the state department, Mr. Arredondo said that the de facto government is still insisting upon some agreement being reached for the withdrawal of the American troops and the joint patrolling of the border by Mexican and American troops. He refused to give any intimation of what Sec'y Lansing had told him. Sec'y Lansing declined to discuss it.

Prepare to Protect Border.  
Elaborate preparations have been made for the protection of all vital points along the Mexican border if the break with Carranza, which most officials consider almost certain, comes. It again was stated officially today that the United States will not recede from its position, but will keep all of the troops now in northern Mexico there until Francisco Villa is killed or captured. Many officials here feared that an open break between Gen. Scott and Mexican Minister of War Obregon would result. Others, however, believed that at the last moment, Obregon would decide to ratify the tentative agreement that an open break would be deferred for the present.

Warn Americans Out.  
Meanwhile the agents of the state department are doing their best to get all Americans out of Mexico. It is considered certain that in the event of complete intervention no effort would be made by Carranza to protect the citizens of this country. All of the confidential advisers reaching this city agree that the general situation throughout Mexico is getting worse, and that hundreds of people are dying of disease and starvation. The government is unable to meet its current obligations and even the soldiers are not being paid.

The war department has all plans perfected for calling out the entire national guard of the country if the necessity arises. The quartermaster's department is in touch with the railroad companies and at certain points equipment is being held in readiness for the emergency when it arises.

## ANOTHER REBEL KILLED

Two Brothers Are Arrested, But  
One is Acquitted.

International News Service.  
LONDON, May 11.—Thomas Kent, another Irish rebel, was executed Wednesday morning. He was officially announced today. He was the 13th to pay with his life the penalty of aiding the insurrection in Ireland. Kent and his brother, William, were arrested at Ferny, county Cork, and were tried by general court martial. William Kent was acquitted, but Thomas was found guilty and sentenced to death, the court martial's edict being carried out 24 hours later.

LATEST  
in the News World

FLYERS ARE INJURED.  
International News Service.  
NOFFOLK, Va., May 11.—A hydro-aeroplane, flying from Washington to Newport News early today was wrecked and two persons, Udder and McCauley, the pilot, are in a Newport News hospital, both are severely injured.  
The machine was wrecked near Mt. Vernon. Five persons were in it.

BLOW SAFE, GET \$10,000.  
International News Service.  
RANDESBURG, Calif., May 11.—Robbers today dynamited the safe of the Illingsworth Supply Co., here and escaped with \$10,000 in gold and several thousands of dollars in checks. The gold had been brought here to pay off the laborers at the Yellow Aster mine. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

Dr. Haiselden to  
Address Knife  
And Fork Club

Dr. Harry J. Haiselden of Hollister, Calif., chief surgeon of the German-American hospital, Chicago, will be the next speaker before the members of the Knife and Fork club at the Oliver hotel next Tuesday evening, May 16. His topic will be "Menace of the Unfit."

Dr. Haiselden was compelled to weather a storm of criticism in connection with his refusal to perform an operation on the Bollinger baby. This was considered a simple operation, but it openly raised the doctrine of infanticide which newspapers and doctors, ministers and laymen criticized and condoned at great length.

J. W. Foley of St. Paul, Minn., will provide the humor of the evening. His verses and stories, rank with those of James Whitcomb Riley and are written in a somewhat similar vein. The Notre Dame quartet, composed of Hugh O'Donnell, James Hayes, Harry Burt and Frank Welch, will render a number of musical selections for the evening. This meeting is expected to be one of the best of the season in both program and attendance.

Many April Fires  
But Slight Loss

April was one of the busiest months the South Bend fire department has experienced in the past year, 227 runs being made from the different stations. A total of 432 1/2 miles was traveled by the department, while 18,450 feet of hose were laid. One of the noticeable features of the month was the fact that although there was a large number of fires, the total damage amounted to less than \$1,000. Loss on buildings amounted to \$751 and on contents \$155. Building property estimated at \$59,850 and contents estimated at \$19,925 were at risk during the month. There were 20 box alarms, 42 still alarms, two false box and two false still alarms, making a total of 66 calls, an average of more than two a day.

Pays His Fine But  
Charge Still Stands

City court officials are facing a puzzling situation.  
W. W. Ridenour, member of the park board and head of the Ridenour Apron Co., had Jay Pinney arrested for assault and battery as the result of trouble which took place at the apron plant. Wednesday the city clerk was informed by Judge Warner that Pinney's attorney had told the judge Pinney was willing to plead guilty and pay a fine of \$1 and costs. It was said the arrangement was satisfactory with the prosecuting attorney. The judge informed the clerk to accept \$11 from Pinney.

But Thursday morning when Deputy Pros. Schwartz was told of the affair he declared that he had not known anything of the arrangement. The case was retained on the docket and continued until Saturday morning.

Now the city clerk and others are wondering what will happen. Pinney has paid a fine but the charge still stands against him.

LONDON.—Lloyd's is betting 50 per cent against the risk of a declaration of war between the United States and Germany.

MUST AGREE TO  
PACT OR QUIT  
CONFERENCES

Insist on Carranza's Ratification to Agreement Reached or Written Counter Proposals.

FUNSTON PREPARES TO  
DIRECT SECOND FORCE

New Expedition Likely to  
Cross Border in Hurry if  
Diplomatic Parley  
Ends in Failure.

International News Service.  
EL PASO, Texas, May 11.—Minister of War Obregon and Gen. Scott and Funston went into what promised to be the final conference here shortly after 10 o'clock today. None of the conferees would make any statement prior to the meeting.

Today's developments will determine the success or failure of the conferences. Formal acceptance of the tentative pact made several days ago must be acknowledged by the Mexican government or the conference will end abruptly.

Wearied by dilatory tactics and diplomatic evasions, the American conferees were instructed to demand from Obregon Carranza's ratification of the agreement.

Unless he can bring this to the conference today, or bring a written counter proposal—the stipulation being strictly that it shall be in writing—Gen. Scott will return at once to Washington and Gen. Funston will leave for San Antonio.

Re-Distribute Forces.  
Re-distribution of the American expeditionary forces will begin at once.

The chief point of the American argument is that no definite time shall be set for the withdrawal of American troops. Any counter proposal Carranza may forward through Obregon will be considered so long as it does not ask for a definite date of withdrawal.

As Obregon, over in Juarez, prepared with his staff to attend the conference, word came from Washington that Carranza had laid before the state department the alternative of a definite withdrawal or negotiations for a new treaty between the two nations. It was at once reported that Obregon would attempt to force the same issue before the American generals in El Paso. Such an attempt, it was reported, would end the conference at once.

The approaching end of the international plaver was indicated by the fact that a second expeditionary force was preparing to maintain itself across the border in the direction of Boquilla. Gen. Funston will direct this second expedition on his return to San Antonio.

Here is Carranza's Plight.  
With the prospect of facing two expeditionary forces in his country, Carranza may give considerable thought to the terms of the contract with which Pres't Wilson has announced his satisfaction.

Stripped of all formalities, this is Carranza's plight:  
He must either make a show of consenting to American troops staying in Mexico or have the troops there any way.

The American conferees had refused to visit Juarez again to parley with the Mexican minister. Unless this attitude was changed by order from Washington before this for the conference, it seemed sure that today's meeting would be marked by very business-like tactics.

While the time for the conference was approaching, reports from the border in the vicinity of Boquilla showed that American scouts were already eating their way on the southern side of the Rio Grande and that an organized expedition would soon be hiking over Mexican soil after the outlaws who looted and killed at Glen Springs.

Repeals New Railroads.  
From all about Boquilla and the front of the new expedition came reports that fresh bands of bandits are riding to new raids. At Langtry, Texas, a large war party of former Carranza soldiers, mounted and armed, was sighted. Another band was seen near Eagle Pass and a detachment of the 15th infantry was sent to meet them.

Indications that the government sees before it the prospect of conflict came with confirmation of reports that Americans living in northern Mexico be warned to leave that country.